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The CIA Had the ØK Listed as a Communist Blind

The Danish-born Hans V. Tofte reveals in his settlement with the CIA, that the American Intelligence Service had a strange impression of the Danish world-wide firm. Tofte had to subject himself to test with a lie detector.

It is a strange impression the American Intelligence Service' largest agency, Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA, has had of the Danish world-wide East Asiatic Company. The 55-year old, Danish-born Hans V. Tofte, who during the past 16 years has been connected with the CIA where he has had a very important position, tells Berlingske Tidende's Washington correspondent, that the ØK has been listed as a Communist cover organization in the CIA's headquarters.

Tofte Is Suspended

Hans V. Tofte has been an American citizen since 1943. As a result of his connection with the CIA he has avoided any publicity about his person for years and has even as far as possible avoided any connection with Danes in the United States. His work for the intelligence organization was known by very few, even within the CIA, until his name the other day was pointed out in American papers' reports on a conflict, in which he is involved.

The ØK Affair

During a conversation about this case's details with Berlingske Tidende's correspondent in Washington, Hans Tofte today mentioned the ØK-affair. He said:

It all started in the mid-fifties, while Senator McCarthy's Communist persecution haunted the United States. In 1956 I was asked for a report on the Danish firm, the East Asiatic Company. I understood that the CIA had got the impression, that the ØK was a Communist cover organization.

I protested vehemently against this judgement. I have been trained in the East Asiatic Company together with my good friend President Mogens Fogh, and among my best friends [redacted] some of the company's leading people, President Arnold Broendal and

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